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## **HELP KEEP FATS, OILS, AND GREASE OUT OF YOUR DRAINS THIS THANKSGIVING AND ALL YEAR LONG**

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** - Enjoying holiday meals are a great way to connect with family and enjoy company, but before the fancy feast is on the table you should know the proper way to dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) that should not end up in your drains.

Keeping fats, oils and grease FOG out of your drains is important, because it can cause major damage to your home through sewer blockages and overflows., Improper disposal of FOG fats, oils and grease account for the majority of sewer blockages in homes.

Fat, oils, and grease should not go down the drain. Here are a few tips to properly dispose of them fats, oils and grease at your home:

1. Soak up small amounts in paper towels and dispose in the trash.
2. Save containers such as milk jugs and coffee containers with covers so you can pour your excess grease in the containers after you cook. When they are half way full, cover and dispose in the trash.
3. Freeze in a container or tin can to solidify the liquid fats and oils. Dispose the frozen and solidified grease in the trash on trash collection day
4. For larger amounts of grease or oil, use cat litter to absorb or solidify the grease. Place it in a plastic bag and dispose of in the trash.

Lee Robinson, Glendale Pretreatment Program Manager in Water Services advises: “Regardless of whether you have a garbage disposal, it is not a good idea to put foods, fats and oils down the drain, because they will harden in your pipes. Sewer clogs can be an expensive problem to fix, and one that can be prevented.”

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## Fats, Oils and Grease

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Glendale 11 and the Water Services Department have produced an informational video about FOG and Glendale's wastewater system. Visit <http://youtu.be/HBnIPLKc5oY> to learn more.

For more information, call Glendale Water Services at 623-930-4100 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/waterservices](http://www.glendaleaz.com/waterservices).

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